

"Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is **OUTSTANDING**" (Ofsted, 2019)

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

A message to all children at Stanley Crook Primary School:

'Hello everyone!

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the half-term break! You all very much deserve it! It has been a very strange few weeks since Christmas and I know that you all can't wait for things to get back to normal. Whether you have been learning in school or staying at home to do your school work, the teachers and I are extremely proud of each and every one of you! There have been many, many challenges placed in front of you recently—changes to school, changes to being allowed to visit and play with your friends and changes to who you can see from your own family. However, you have all shown tremendous resilience and adaptability in the ways in which you have coped. You have met these challenges head on and—along with the help of your mums and dads or other family members who may have been caring for you—tackled them in such a positive way.

Whether learning at home or in school, I have been overwhelmed by the way that you have all tackled your school work and the ways in which you have maintained a positive outlook towards completing and engaging in your work. Your teachers have equally been so impressed by the way you have all continued to demonstrate such commitment to your school work—not allowing the uncertainty of these times to distract you from trying your best and being your best self. These last few weeks have demonstrated the very best of T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook (Together Everyone Achieves More)!

Not being able to see all of your friends is incredibly difficult and we are continuing to work on different ways which may provide more opportunities for you all to be together and learn together once more. The 'live' lessons for those of you learning at home have been a good way for you to have regular contact with your class teachers and see your friends and it was extremely pleasing to see how well the 'classroom live' sessions went yesterday. I know that you all enjoyed being together in your teams again—chatting with your friends at home and in school and learning together once more. This is something which we are going to try to continue next half term so that you can all be together with your friends in your Team, whether you are in school or learning from home!

These days are not easy and I want you all to know that myself, the staff at school and your families are here to support you as much as we can. If you have days when the world appears a little darker than normal (and we all have those types of days), don't keep your feelings to yourself; talk about and share how you are feeling and the worries you may have—this will make everything feel a little better.

A big 'thank you' also needs to go to your mums, dads and family members who have been supporting your learning so well over these recent weeks. I know that you will let them know in your own special way how much they mean to you and how much you are thankful for everything that they do to help you.

I hope that we can very soon get school back to some kind of normality. The staff and I dearly want to have you all back at school where you can have fun with your friends and learn together. We are all very excited about having the usual hustle and bustle back at Stanley Crook! Until then, keep being positive—these days will not last forever and things will get back to normal. Keep supporting each other and your families and keep up all of your efforts with your school work. Remember, if you do need help or have any worries—no matter how big or small they may seem—we are here to help.

Enjoy your half-term break—have some time to rest and relax with your families and remember our school mission:

'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community'

Take care, everyone and hopefully we can all be together very soon!

Mr Christie

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



## COVID ACTIONS

A reminder of actions to take in the event of suspected COVID symptoms and/ or a positive COVID test result.

The main aspect to the guidance is that **if any member of the household and/ or support bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus, all persons must isolate immediately and the individual displaying symptoms of coronavirus must book a test.**

**During this period, any children in the family or support bubble should not attend school.**

If a negative test result is returned, the child(ren) may return to school.

More information and guidance of self-isolation and booking a test, can be found by clicking this link:

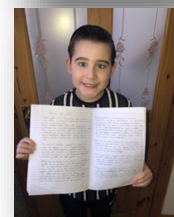
**Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))**

## SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021 AT STANLEY CROOK



## Children's Achievements in School and at Home!

Every week, one child is chosen as 'Headteacher's Star of the Week' and staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week! This week's chosen children are:



**Congratulations to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school or at home!**

## Wow! Writers of the Week!

We LOVE writing at Stanley Crook Primary School and each week, staff select children who have produced fantastic writing in class or at home! Awards could be given for greatly improving handwriting skills or showing determination in completing a writing task, for example! Whatever the reason, many congratulations to the following pupils on being awarded 'Writer of the Week' - BE PROUD!

